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To: DFA Grants

Subject: IRWM: Update - Status of Prop 50 IRWM Step 1/Schedule

for CallBack to Step 2

This email should be shared with the Project Manager and Authorized Representative for each application that you submitted for the Integrated Regional Water Management Step 1 Implementation grant. The Project Manager is the day to day contact on this project from the Applicant Organization. The Project Director is the Authorized Representative from the Applicant Organization who will enter into a funding agreement if the project is recommended for funding. In some cases, the same person may be designated for both.

Please confirm that you have received this email by responding to this message. In your message, please include the Proposal ID Number (PIN), Project Director's Full Name, Phone Number and Email Address for each Proposal you submitted an application for in FAAST. We are in the process of updating the contact information in our database.

This e-mail is being sent to all of the Prop 50 IRWM Step 1 applicant representatives on the behalf of Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources (DWR), and Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The purpose of the e-mail is to update you on the status of the IRWM Step 1 grant reviews and the schedule for calling back applicants for Step 2 proposals.

The technical evaluation of the individual proposal is complete, as is the consensus review. Therefore, we are at the Selection Panel review-phase of this process. The Selection Panel is evaluating the individual proposals and assessing the technical and consensus reviews for consistency with the scoring criteria. The Selection Panel is also considering the responses to our previous e-mail regarding consolidation of IRWM Implementation Grant proposals. All of this information will be a factor in the decision-making process for the Step 2 Call Back List.

Our original schedule indicated that the Call Back list would be available in December 2005. However, due to the overwhelming response to this program the review process has taken longer than originally anticipated. Therefore, the Call Back letters are now scheduled to be released in late-January 2006; at which time DWR and State Water Board will hold a public meeting to discuss the results of the Step 1 review effort. We would also like to update you on the status of release of the Step 2 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). DWR and State Water Board are revising the Step 2 PSP to address many of the concerns expressed during the public comment period and to address issues identified

during the Step 1 review process. Therefore, the Step 2 PSP will be released concurrently with the Call Back List.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter please contact Tracie Billington at (916) 651-9226 (tracieb@water.ca.gov) or Shahla Farahnak at (916) 341-5737 (sfarahnak@waterboards.ca.gov).

Thank you,

Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources Shahla Farahnak, State Water Resources Control Board